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Small Business Expo and SBA Loan Fair Is Coming to Riverside

Riverside, Calif. – The U.S. Small Business Administration will present a *Small Business Expo and SBA Loan Fair* on Friday, August 18, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange Street, in Riverside. It will be hosted by the City of Riverside in partnership with the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Riverside Community College District (RCCD).

The *Expo and Loan Fair* gives small business owners the opportunity to meet one-on-one with lenders, learn about government contracting opportunities, and receive free on-site business counseling. Informational workshops will be conducted on

- How to Get an SBA Loan
- Preparing Financials for Your Loan Package
- International Trade
- Government Contracting Opportunities

A variety of both SBA and non-SBA lenders will be present. To speak to a lender, business owners should bring the last 3 years tax returns, and a current financial statement; prospective business owners should bring cash flow projections and a business plan.

Other invited participants include the Metropolitan Water District, Riverside Public Utilities, RCCD's Center for International Trade Development and Procurement Assistance Center, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Minority Small Business Development Center. SBA's resource partners SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business", the Inland Empire SBDC and the Inland Empire Women's Business Center will be on hand to provide no-cost business counseling.

This is a no-cost event with complimentary parking and continental breakfast. For more information or to register contact the IE SBDC at (951) 781-2345 or www.iesmallbusiness.com or Vicki Reynolds at the SBA, (714) 560-7455 or vicki.reynolds@sba.gov.

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